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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, as the claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter.

(i) As to claim 8, the claim is not limited to tangible embodiments. In view of Applicant's disclosure, specification page 5, [0020], lines 7-11, the "machine-readable medium," is not limited to tangible embodiments. Instead, it's being defined as including both tangible embodiments (e.g., ROM, RAM, magnetic disk storage, and flash memory devices) and intangible embodiments (e.g. carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.). As such, the claim is not limited to statutory subject matter and is therefore non-statutory. To overcome this type of 101 rejection the claims need to be amended to include only the physical computer media and not a transmission media or other intangible or non-functional media. More specifically the claim needs to be directed to recite only the tangibly embodied storage media. The word tangible alone

does not overcome the 101 rejection. A suggested example would be to amend as follows, "A machine-readable storage medium, that stores instructions, which when executed by a processor..." or something of similar manner.

(ii) Claims 9-14 are rejected for similar reasons as discussed for their respective parent claim, as they fail to present any limitations that resolve the deficiencies of the claim from which they depend.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 7, 8-11, 14, 15-18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitz (US Pat. 5,128, 871) in view of Goss et al. (hereafter Goss)(US Pat. 4, 667, 290) and in view of Nylander et al. (hereafter Nylander)(US Pat. 6,973,644).

6. Schmitz and Goss were cited in the previous action dated 05/29/2007.

7. **As to claims 1, 8, and 15**, Schmitz discloses parsing said function into a parsed group selected from a group consisting of instruction data, a constant, a coefficient, and

a factor (column 16, lines 11-25); converting one or more of said parsed group into one or more operation codes, where an operation code is a numeric representation for each of said parsed group (column 18, lines 15-20 and column 43, lines 38-49); determining said one or more operation codes to be executed on a processing element (column 43, lines 38-49); combining said one or more operation codes into a file (column 16, lines 26-33); and converting said file into a state machine representation (column 26, lines 15-19; column 16, lines 26-33; and column 2, lines 1-9).

8. Schmitz does not disclose receiving a function in assembly code. However, Goss discloses receiving a function in assembly code (column 3, lines 47-60).

9. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Schmitz, by utilizing machine instructions, assembly code, as taught by Goss, for the benefit of provide quicker execution of programs in less space. One would be motivated to make the combination using a low level language, such as assembly, as it is critical for hardware manipulation and the addressing of performance issues.

10. The combination of Schmitz and Goss do not disclose one or more micro-coded accelerators with reconfigurable control logic to support multiple networking protocols.

However, in an analogous art, Nylander discloses one or more micro-coded accelerators with reconfigurable control logic to support multiple networking protocols (Column 3, line 64-column 4, line 6; and column 7, lines 30-54).

11. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Schmitz and Goss by implementing an accelerator as a processing element, as taught by Nylander, for the benefit of improving execution speed as using an accelerator has advantages such as reduced amount of required memory.

12. **As to claims 2, 9, and 16** Schmitz further discloses assigning each of said one or more operation codes a state, wherein an output of said state is an operation number (column 3, lines 5-22); determining a next state for each of said one or more operation codes, wherein said next state is a function of said state and input signal (column 1, lines 38-47 and column 3, lines 5-22); associating said operation number with a reconfigurator vector (column 6, lines 28-36); and generating a state equation for each state (column 3, lines 13-22 and column 17, lines 5-13).

13. **As to claims 3, 10, and 17** Schmitz further discloses mapping said state equations to a control unit reconfigurable logic array (column 1, lines 38-47 and column 14, lines 41-62); and programming a fuse map for said control unit reconfigurable logic array (column 2, lines 17-29 and column 4, lines 40-48).

15. **As to claims 4, 11, and 18** Schmitz further discloses producing an output reconfigurator vector look-up table, wherein said reconfigurator vector look-up table converts said operation number to a reconfigurator vector (column 6, lines 14-27 and column 67, lines 21-27).

16. **As to claims 7, 14, and 21** the combination of Schmitz, Goss, and Nylander disclose said processing element includes at least one micro-coded accelerator (Nylander, column 3, line 64-column 4, line 6; and column 7, lines 30-54).

17. Claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitz in view of Goss and Nylander as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Sikdar (US Pat. 7,130,987).

18. Sikdar was cited in the previous action dated 05/29/2007.

19. **As to claims 5, 12, and 19**, Schmitz, Goss, and Nylander do not disclose creating a configuration packet; downloading said configuration packet to said processing element; and programming said processing element with said configuration packet.

However, Sikdar discloses creating a configuration packet (column 1, line 62-column 2, line 8); downloading said configuration packet to said processing element

(column 3, lines 12-24 and column 10, lines 18-40); and programming said processing element with said configuration packet (column 1, line 62-column 2, line 8).

20. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Schmitz, Goss, and Nylander, by utilizing configuration packets, as taught by Sikdar, for the benefit of maintaining fast and efficient processing.

21. **As to claims 6, 13, and 20**, Sikdar discloses said configuration packet includes data selected from a group consisting of said fuse map, said output reconfigurator vector look-up table, said parsed group, one or more fuse maps for other control unit reconfigurable logic arrays, routing information, one or more processing element addresses, and packet sizes (column 3, lines 12-24).

Response to Arguments

22. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

23. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Yaary whose telephone number is (571) 270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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